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Attorney Docket No. 17616-705

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
H. Sharkey, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3311  
Application No. 08/714,987 ) Examiner: D. Shay  
Filed: September 17, 1996 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF )  
SOFT TISSUE )

**RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action in the above-captioned application dated September 15, 1997. At pages 2-3 of the Action, the Examiner discusses requirement for restriction. Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-29) with traverse. The traversal is based on the fact that the apparatus is claimed as effecting a change in at least a portion of the selected site of a collagen-containing tissue.

All claims being considered allowable, favorable action is requested.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 17616-705). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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